

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, April 16, 2021 8:30am

Meeting held at:

Via Zoom at:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Igra called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

The following board members were present: Amanda Igra (President), Becky Seah (Vice-President), Susie Shipman (Secretary/Treasurer), Mike Smiley, Mike Jager and Geoff Streit.

Non-Board Members Attending:

Danielle Clayton and Renee Kolle, OMPS Co-Principals

Matt Missias, GVSU

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Seah and supported by Shipman to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. MEETING MINUTES

Shipman notes a correction that needs to be made – Smiley was not present at the March meeting but is listed as present.

a. March 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Streit and supported by Seah to approve the March 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

6. OMPEF UPDATE

Monnie Peters reported that there was a good OMPEF/OMPS Roundtable meeting this week. They discussed plans for working together on strategic well-articulated messaging as well as moving towards stronger financial communication.

7. OMPS PTO UPDATE

Rebecca Schubert provided a report which Seah shared:

The Opt-out Fundraiser is underway. The goal is \$10,000. So far, \$5,000 has been raised. Reminder that people can find fundraiser information on the OMPS website or through links in Panther Tales.

Panther Pride day is in the works – the PTO is still seeking volunteers.

8. GVSU REPORT

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- Reminds that state assessments are coming up. The MDE received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education that relaxed federal accountability requirements, including the minimum percentage of students that need to participate. Students who attend school in-person, in a hybrid format, or are regularly and consistently at the school should be expected to take the test as they would in any other school year.
- Monthly board meetings – notes that Open Meetings Act emergency authorization expired March 31, 2021 but there are exceptions such as a local state of emergency. OMPS should work with legal counsel to ensure compliance with the OMA.
- GVSU is providing a reimbursement grant of \$1,000 to assist with remote meeting technology for boards. Notes that this is a grant that must be accepted formally by the board.
- Reminds board members to sign up for virtual board trainings, and notes that a few members attended a training this week. Participation fills the board training requirement for the academic grant, and must be completed by June 30.
- GVSU Board Reception will be held virtually on May 13 with guest speaker: former Minnesota state senator Ember Reichgott Junge. A registration link has been sent out to board members.
- Budget negotiations are ongoing and the Governor has proposed a foundation allowance of \$8275 per student. We are monitoring and will let you know as things progress.
- Igra's application for renewal was received and with today's nomination this should go to the GVSU board for approval at their June meeting.

9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

a. Leadership Monthly Report - Clayton and Kolle reported on their overarching goals:

(1) *Support teachers with standards and curriculum needs:*

Reported that a Committee Chair structure has been established for teachers and other staff to lead initiatives in several areas. A stipend is included with these roles. MSTEP training has been done with the staff.

(2) *Ensure the team at OMPS will feel secure and supported:*

Clayton and Kolle continue to attend twice weekly health department calls to keep up to date with current conditions and safety information in our region.

Working with Kaitlyn Thomas to plan for Kindergarten Roundup May 14. Enrollment is looking good. Want to thank Erica Jager for being the Kindergarten teacher while Courtenay Kierczynski was on leave. Notes that it is Alan K's last day and the staff have put together a day of fun and silly acknowledgements of his departure.

10. BUSINESS

a. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Report

Igra addresses Open Meetings Act. Suggests that the board could look at meeting in person for the June or later meetings. Proposes a committee to explore location and technology options.

Board members discussed timelines and technology options, including continuing to offer an option for the public to participate remotely.

Clayton presented no recommended changes to the current Plan but outlined proposed changes to the Conditions for Closure.

Proposed Action Item: Recertify Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Motion made by Shipman and supported by Streit to recertify the current Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

Motion made by Seah and supported by Igra to approve the changes to the Conditions for Closure as proposed.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

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b. Michigan Charter Schools Grant Report

Davis reported that OMPS is still in transition to Round 2 of the grant and going back and forth with the MDE on approvals. The first round of comments has been received. Davis is expecting finalization by June, but hopefully in May.

c. Monthly Financial Report Quarterly Financial Report – 3rdQ 2020-2021 School Year

Davis summarized the financial reports. OMPS needs to adopt at the June meeting the final amendment for the 2020-2021 budget and a 2021-2022 budget.

Davis reminds the board that the fund balance that has accumulated meets the recommended level at close to 15% of annual budget, and puts OMPS in a stable position going forward into the next year. Having this level of funds set aside provides stability for unexpected expenses or emergencies and is not part of the funds available for general purposes or salaries. Notes that OMPS also needs to build up cash balances each year to get to the point where we don't need to borrow bridge funds. We're not there yet, but saving on those borrowing costs of \$8-9k is an important goal.

Working on a plan for the ESSER grant funds, including building air handling improvements among other things.

Proposed Action Item: Approve Quarterly Financial Report – 3rdQ 2020-2021 School Year

Motion made by Smiley and supported by Seah to approve the Quarterly Financial Report – 3rdQ 2020-2021 School Year as presented.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

d. Board Nomination

Shipman outlines that GVSU's role is to approve nominations for School Board members as made by the OMPS Board. With Igra's current term ending June 30, 2021, a nomination to a new term is necessary.

Action Item: Approve Board Nomination

Motion made by Seah and supported by Smiley to approve the nomination of Amanda Igra to the OMPS School Board to serve a new three-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

e. Committee Reports

Academic/Personnel/Finance Committees: No committee meetings were held this month.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Seah wants to thank Alan Kiercynski for being with us from the start and for all of his work over the first three years of OMPS.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Shipman and supported by Streit.

Roll call vote: Igra: yes, Seah: yes, Shipman: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Streit: yes. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



Board Secretary